



Minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting of
Grande Yellowhead Public School Division

Meeting Number 2

September 8, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.

Education Services Center, Edson, AB

Virtual Meeting Location

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TRUSTEE ATTENDANCE:

E. Aust	Present
S. Caputo	Present
K. Fate	Present
F. Fowler	Present
D. Karpluk	Present
B. Rosadiuk, Chair	Present
J. Zaporosky, Vice Chair	Present

ADMINISTRATION ATTENDANCE:

- C. Lewis, Superintendent
- S. Nicholson, Secretary-Treasurer
- C. Kastrinos, Chief Deputy Superintendent
- K. Harding, Managing Director Board Relations
- C. Aschenmeier, Managing Director of Learning Services
- B. Orge, Acting Director of Facility Services
- L. Lee, Director of Technology
- K. Brook, Executive Assistant

DELEGATIONS PRESENT: Videoconference

- CUPE – Donna Conger
- School Administration/Staff – Arthur Cota, Heidi Zadderey
- Community Member – Keli Setzer, Kristie Gomuwka, Melodie Bobilek, Bryon Vriend, Laurie Folllott

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rosadiuk called the meeting to order at 1003 hours.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to all staff for a great welcome back

Thank you to the four Corporations the donated funds to the Elite Program in Grande Cache (CN, Cenovus, Tourmaline, Canadian Western Bank)

Wishing all the Staff and Students a safe and healthy school year

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Trustee Caputo requested an action item for masks (9.2.9)

Trustee Aust requested an action item for a change to the Division Calendar for September 30th (Nations Truth and Reconciliation Day) (9.2.10)

2021-118

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Trustee Caputo moved that the Board approve the agenda, as amended.

Carried

2021-119

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Trustee Karpluk moved that the Board approve the minutes of the Public Board Meeting of August 25, 2021.

Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FORM THE MINUTES

None.

DELEGATION / PRESENTATION

None.

IN-CAMERA

Trustee Zaporosky moved that the Board go in-camera at 1009 hours.

Carried

OUT OF CAMERA

Trustee Karpluk moved that the Board come out of camera at 1050 hours.

Carried

2021-120

ACTION IN RESPONSE TO IN-CAMERA

Trustee Fate moved that:

1. In response to matter 2021-001, Trustees Fate, Fowler, and Rosadiuk are to form an ad hoc sub-committee of the Board authorized to carry out all matters described below including:
 - a. to direct employees in order to seek information and assistance from Central Office Administration to address and consider matter 2021-001;
 - b. to retain and instruct legal counsel and consultants as deemed appropriate, which may be necessary to fully review and consider matter 2021-001;
 - c. to start or place the review in abeyance pending other matters as deemed advisable and expedient in a manner consistent with board policy; and

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- d. to report back to the Board of Trustees respecting any actions undertaken by the sub-committee relative to matter 2021-001.
2. The Board authorizes the sub-committee to do any or all of the following:
- a. to retain and instruct legal counsel and consultants as deemed appropriate, which may be necessary to fully review and consider matter 2021-001;
 - b. to seek information and direct any Board employee with respect to carrying out the duties of the sub-committee in carrying out the review of matter 2021-001; and
 - c. to report back to the Board of Trustees respecting any decisions made, or suggested actions, or recommendations in response to matter 2021-001 upon completion of the review.

Carried

BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Chair Rosadiuk Shared:

- Correspondence
 - ASBA Education Modernization Act Update
 - ASBA Pre-Election Letter
 - Board Chair meeting September 14th
- Governance
 - Dignitary Meeting September 1st, 2021
 - Constituency Feedback – the Trustees shared feedback and input from their constituents regarding a Division-wide mandatory masking rule.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

None.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent Lewis reported on all the activities she has been leading since the last Pubic Board meeting on August 25, 2021.

ACTION ITEMS

2021-121

Superintendent’s Vacation Leave Carry Forward

Trustee Zaporosky moved that the Board approve the carry forward of 2.5 additional days in addition to the 10 days approved by the Board.

Carried

2021-122

Employment Contract – Superintendent of Schools

Trustee Fate moved that the Board approve the individual employment contract with the Superintendent of Schools, effective September 08, 2021 to September 7, 2026, as established by the Committee of the Whole.

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**3 Opposed
Carried**

- 2021-123** **Allocation for Second Gym**
Trustee Fate moved that the Board of Trustees approve the use of up to \$1,500,000 of Undesignated Reserves towards the construction of a second gym as part of the Grand Trunk modernization project.
Carried
- 2021-124** **ASBA 2021 Community Engagement Award Nomination**
Trustee Fowler moved that the Board of Trustees approve the nomination submission for the Alberta School Board Association (ASBA) 2021 Community Engagement Award.
Carried
- 2021-125** **Restriction on Out-of-Province and International Field Trips**
Trustee Fate moved that the Board of Trustees for Grande Yellowhead Public School Division continue the restriction on all international field trips – in place since March 11, 2020 – and add a restriction to all out-of-province field trips until further notice.
Carried
- 2021-126** **Rescind Motion 2021-083 – Board Policy Review**
Trustee Fate moved that the Board of Trustees move to rescind motion 2021-083 from May 26th, 2021, in which the Board approved a motion for the administration to secure the services of an ASBA consultant to carry out a review of Grande Yellowhead Public School Division’s Board Policies, prior to the October election.
Carried
- 2021-127** **General Election – Advanced Polls**
Trustee Fowler moved that in relation to the General Election to be held October 18, 2021, it is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve that Advance Polls are to take place and be consistent with Local Municipalities.
Carried
- 2021-128** **General Election – Special Ballots**
Trustee Caputo moved that the Board of Trustees, in accordance with Local Authorities Election Act s. 77.1, approve the acceptance of applications for special ballots in person or in writing, only. Applications can be made starting at 12:01 p.m. September 20th, 2021, until 8 p.m. October 18th, 2021.
Carried
- 2021-129** **Division Masking Regulations**
Trustee Caputo moved that based on the increasing COVID-19 rates, the strain on the Health Care System, the rise in hospitalizations of children with COVID-19 variants of concern, and that there is not a vaccination for children under 12 years old, it is proposed that the

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Board of Trustees approve mandatory masking for all staff, children in pre-kindergarten and Kindergarten, and for students in Grades 1-12.

2021-130

Postponement of Motion 2021-129

Trustee Rosadiuk moved that the Board of Trustees postpone motion 2021-129 until October 6, 2021, in the meantime direct administration to send out a survey to parents. Trustee Fowler Seconded.

2021-131

Friendly Amendment to Motion 2021-130

Trustee Aust requested a friendly amendment as follows:
That the Board of Trustees postpone motion 2021-129 until October 6, 2021, in the meantime direct administration to send out a survey to parents and staff.

**4 in Favour
3 Opposed
Carried**

2021-132

Change to 2021-2022 Change to Calendar

Trustee Caputo moved that the Board of Trustees approve a change to the 2021-2022 School Calendar to provide a general holiday on September 30th, 2021, to recognize the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation.

**7 Opposed
Defeated**

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Board Policy Committee

No Report.

Recognition of Employees Committee

No Report.

Board Planning Seminar Committee

No Report.

Board Negotiations Committee

Letter to CUPE to commence bargaining.

Board Representatives

- **PSBAA – Work Plan Update**
 - Video on Website
- **ASBA Zone 2/3**
 - First meeting on September 24

FUTURE BUSINESS

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Meeting Dates

Board – Open to Public

- September 16, 2021, School Design and Visioning Community Engagement Meeting, Grand Trunk High School, Evansburg, (6-9 pm)
- September 22, 2021 Public Board Meeting (10:00 a.m.)

Committees – Closed to Public

- September 22, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting (9:00 a.m.)

Notice of Motion

None.

Topics for Future Agendas

None.

Requests for Information

None.

Response for Requests for Information

None.

IN-CAMERA

2021-133

Move In-Camera

Trustee Karpluk moved that the Board move in camera at 1443 hours.

Carried

2021-134

Move Out of Camera

Trustee Fate moved that the Board move out of camera at 1446 hours.

Carried

ACTION IN RESPONSE TO IN-CAMERA

None.

2021-135

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Caputo moved for adjournment at 1446 hours.

Carried



Brenda Rosadiuk
Board Chair



Sean Nicholson
Secretary-Treasurer